## **REMARKS**

## Claim Status

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6-14, and 28 have been amended; claims 15-27 and 31-35 have been canceled without prejudice; claims 36-44 have been added.

## **CONCLUSION**

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested from the Examiner. To discuss any matter pertaining to the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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